



Year Nine SOSE

20th Century History- Task 1

Origins and Experiences of WW1

Student		Due Date	
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You would have noticed some of the letters that the characters in *Gallipoli* were writing to their loved ones, even when they were moments before death. Your task is to pretend you were part of one of the lines to go *over the top* at the Nek (the battle where Archie lost his life). You were a sneaky little thing and, like Archie, did not tell your parents you were going to enlist. Also like Archie, you are from small rural town that does not know much about Word War 1 (WW1) at all. Just before you go over the top, you decide to spill the beans on your experience of the war.

Task:

Your task is to write this letter from the trenches in WW1 that details specific aspects of the war. To best get your experience of war across to your family (and produce the best letter), your letter should include:

- reasons as to why the War started and how Australia fitted into this;
- why Australians rushed to sign up for war;
- how the attitudes and values of Australians changed before the War, in training and during the War;
- the conditions at war and in the trenches;
- your feelings and comments about all of these experiences.

The letter can be handwritten or typed, or, for those who really want to take a risk and produce something outstanding (and different), it could be presented as a documentary-style movie (with Movie Maker).

I know, I know, you're thinking that you now have to go back and research ALL of this stuff; well, the good news is that we already have this information! We have done various activities that have enabled us to gain this information and do the research for this assignment (remember me saying 'all of this leads towards the assignment'? See, I wasn't lying. Follow these steps to best complete the task:

- Go through your exercise book and highlight/circle/label information that relates to the steps above.
- If you feel you need more information on a particular point, go back to your text book.
- Try and write a paragraph on each section (you may find you wish to write more or less or some, depending on how much information you have).
- For each paragraph, try to keep reflecting on what the experience would have felt like for you as a Soldier.

Good luck!

ASSESSMENT	A	B	C	D	E
Research	You have very thoroughly researched and presented a wide variety of reasons as to why the war began and Australia's involvement.	You have researched and presented some of the reasons as to why the war began and Australia's involvement.	You have researched and presented limited reasons as to why the war began and Australia's involvement.	You have not presented sufficient reasons as to why the war began and Australia's involvement.	You do not have enough items or detail to warrant a satisfactory grade.
Change Over Time	You have critically reflected on the changing nature of war and highly detailed the specific conditions in the trenches.	You have reflected on the changing nature of war and described the specific conditions in the trenches.	You have provided limited detail on the changing nature of war and have mentioned some of the specific conditions in the trenches.	You have provided insufficient detail on the changing nature of war and have not mentioned enough of the specific conditions in the trenches.	You do display enough evidence from the text to warrant a satisfactory grade.
Organisation & Editing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are very clearly organised your final piece is virtually error free. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are clearly organised your final piece contains minimal errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are logically organised your final piece contains an increasing number of errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are at times not organised. your final piece contains too many errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your work is not sufficiently organised to warrant a satisfactory grade. Your work is not sufficiently edited to warrant a satisfactory grade.

On Balance Assessment Grade: _____

Any extra comments: